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2011 City Budget Presented; New Police Officers Installed

by James Giese

The city manager's presentation of his proposed city budget for the upcoming fiscal year, the installation of two new police officers, the purchase of a dump truck, resolution of a street right-of-way problem in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and presentations of proclamations and awards by the mayor were the main events at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on April 12. The seven members, all present, attended to the routine business of the city. Looking on were two Boy Scouts from Troop 214 who probably took another step toward earning a merit badge.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin presented his proposed

Fiscal Year 2011 budget to council. The budget calls for a 0.4 cent increase in the city's tax rate, a slight reduction in city staffing through attrition and a five percent increase in city refuse fees and in the cost of passes to the Aquatic and Fitness Center. City employees would not get a cost of living increase if council approves McLaughlin's proposal, although most will receive performance pay increases and the city would reduce employees deferred compensation. The end result is total revenues of \$25.2 million vs. total expenditures of \$24.9 million with the

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Greenbelters Support Local Watershed Cleanup Areas

by Kyle Jones

More than 100 volunteers came out to four Greenbelt sites Saturday morning for the Alice Ferguson Foundation's 22nd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup.

The regional event hosted 490 cleanup locations throughout Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia, to clear trash from the areas surrounding the Potomac River.

And much of what was found in Greenbelt wasn't ordinary trash.

"At first, I didn't understand how it got there," said Cliff Ibeh, a senior volunteering with the Eleanor Roosevelt National Honor Society. Ibeh helped

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Volunteers picked up trash along Kenilworth Ave.

— photo by Kyle Jones

What Goes On

Saturday, April 17

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

9 a.m. to noon, Shredding Day, Parking Lot behind Roosevelt Center at 112 Centerway

2 to 6 p.m., Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Monday, April 19

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession on Social Services and Other Funds, Municipal Building

Tuesday, April 20

7 p.m., Kojo in Your Community, Community Center

Wednesday, April 21

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 114

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession Public Safety, Community Center

Thursday, April 22

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Devastating Fire Destroys Three Greenbelt East Townhouses

by James Giese

A devastating two-alarm fire in the 7800 block of Jacobs Drive in Greenbelt's Windsor Green destroyed three townhouses and damaged at least two others. As many as 20 people, including two infants, were forced to evacuate their homes.

First response occurred at approximately 1:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 8 following multiple 911 telephone calls. Members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Company 35, were first on the scene. They found flames shooting up the rear wall of an end unit, according to the Prince George's Fire Department.

The fire involved a row of five, two-story townhouses with terrace levels and described as of "lightweight construction and non-sprinklered," according to Mark Brady, County Fire Department spokesperson. While the cause of the fire has not been determined, it appears to have originated in one of the rear wooden decks.

According to Gazette.Net, the online edition for the Gazette Newspapers, Brady said the fire extended up the rear wall and into the attic, bypassing the interior smoke alarms.

Firefighters mounted an aggressive interior attack, according to Brady, stretching hoses into the attached residence in hopes of cutting off the quick-moving fire.

When a second alarm was sounded, a Fire Task Force brought additional resources to the scene – about 70 firefighters and paramedics aboard 17 pieces of apparatus. However, the fire continued to grow in intensity, extending both horizontally and vertically.

Decks Collapsed

When the wooden decks attached to the rear of the structure collapsed, on-scene fire incident commanders believed the situation indicated a weakening structural integrity, Brady said. All firefighters were ordered to evacuate the structure and take a defensive position on the exterior.

Within 10 minutes a significant collapse occurred in one of the townhouses. "Without a doubt, that would have caused serious injury or possible fatal injuries to our firefighters," Brady told ABC

7 News.

Greenbelter Jim Davis, a member of the Branchville Fire Department, reported that the department sent Engine 811 with a crew of five firefighters to the scene. They made entry into the end unit and worked with other units to knock down the fire in the rear of the dwelling.

The crew "then moved their attack line out of the end unit and into the attached exposure on the Delta side," Davis reported online. The crew was faced with heavy fire conditions at the front door. Working with another crew and

hand line, they were able to push the fire back and make entry.

The fire sent flames shooting high above the building. It was reported that smoke from the fire brought visibility down to zero on Greenbelt Road. All area news channels showed pictures of the buildings in flames.

Fortunately, no residents were injured. One firefighter suffered an injured knee.

A neighbor, Amelia Routh, appeared on ABC 7 News. "It's a blessing that nobody got hurt. It

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PHOTO BY JON AERTS

Two townhouses were extensively damaged in the Windsor Green fire early last Thursday morning.

Borgwardt Funeral Home To Celebrate 25 Years

by Vicki Kriz

The Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home, in nearby Beltsville, is celebrating its 25th anniversary in operation. The area funeral home organizes about 250 funerals a year, said director Donald Borgwardt, many of them for Greenbelt residents.

"We probably do as much business over [in Greenbelt] as we do in Beltsville," Borgwardt said.

Because of their close proximity to the city, the Borgwardt Funeral Home often works with Greenbelt's Department of Public Works to provide replacement markers or vases for gravesites at Greenbelt Cemetery.

Borgwardt first became interested in the funeral service industry in his early twenties when a friend became a funeral director.

"I saw a profession where you help people at the hardest time of their lives," he said.

In 1966 Borgwardt graduated from the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service and served apprenticeships at the Ritchie Brothers Funeral Home in Upper Marlboro and the Huntemann Funeral



Donald Borgwardt

Home in D.C.

Borgwardt opened his Beltsville Funeral Home in March 1985 – the first funeral home in the town. He was born in Beltsville and still lives in the house where he grew up. His daughter, Donna Borgwardt-Mabry, has worked with him for 22 years.

Four Decades

In his 41 years as a licensed funeral director, Borgwardt has served on several professional

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Editorial**There Is No "They"**

They really ought to. . . . Yes, indeed they should. Trouble is, "they" is us – you, me, her, him, him and him over there.

Just in the past week any number of important Greenbelt events occurred and were not able to be covered in the News Review and others only received superficial coverage that could have used more in-depth treatment.

A huge challenge for a volunteer-produced community newspaper is recruiting and keeping reporters to cover local news. Attrition is a reality, too, as stalwarts move on for one reason or another. Students, who are sometimes available to do local news stories, have equally often been unavailable or pre-occupied with their studies understandably taking precedence.

If this paper is to continue as a free, local, community paper by and for Greenbelters, the News Review must add to its staff of regular community reporters . . . people willing and able to write an account of council meetings, budget meetings, "hot/hard" news like the fire and well-attended community events like those that kept Greenbelt busy Saturday and filled the Roosevelt Center parking lot Sunday. There really is not "somebody else" to do it.

Are you one of the reporters we need . . . or do you know somebody who needs just a nudge to be that person?

Barely April Foolin'

Kudos to the GNR staff for the fun April Fool's page in the April 1 issue.

However, the brief story on City Council approval of a Geothermal Plant at the Northway Fields is not that far from reality or practicality. In Greenbelt's early history that area was the New Town's landfill and repository of Greenbelt's waste (all of it, there was no recycling in those days).

Suggestions have been made to city officials to assess whether there may be methane gas deposits at the site that may be tapped for energy. Similar projects are either being considered or underway at former landfills. In Maryland there are nine operational projects and 11 candidate sites for methane gas recovery for energy. (www.epa.gov/landfill/)

More to the topic of geothermal possibilities at the site – probably not for all of Greenbelt but an evaluation of geothermal possibilities for the expanse of the Northway fields, in combination with heat exchangers, may indeed be a practical approach for harvesting renewable geothermal energy in that neighborhood.

Tom White

Appreciating Openness

I attended a recent community meeting hosted by Rosalind Johnson and I must praise its openness. (School Board member Johnson represents the school district that includes Greenbelt.)

Attending were school board members Johnson and Donna Hathaway Beck, as well as Superintendent Dr. Hite and quite a few other staff members.

They listened to questions about homework, about absent teachers, about dangerous schools, about good schools, about schools that don't like volunteers and about new buildings (the new GMS middle school is stuck in permits, the new guess for the start date is 30 to 45 days).

While they didn't have answers to everything, they treated every question with respect and did not brush off any complaints. They also did have staff on hand to address more specific worries – one woman wanted to transfer her son away from DuVal and didn't know what else she could do. They had someone in the back go over the other choice programs and point out that DuVal had a new principal too.

So while the budget is cut and the schools are not perfect, I am pleased that we are being treated as part of the process and not an

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**WEEK OF APRIL 16**

Last Station
(R)

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday

*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday-Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pandgtheatres.com

Grin Belt

"I'll have to rethink our next vacation if they're gonna charge to use the restrooms!"

Letters to the Editor**THANKS!**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department would like to thank everyone who joined us on Saturday, April 10 for a benefit concert to support the city's after-school arts programs at Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES). About 70 people participated in this wonderful evening of dance, art and music, including Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Leta Mach and Konrad Herling. The event raised \$858, which will enable us to underwrite art classes for 71 students during the 2010/2011 school year.

Special thanks to the multi-talented event organizers April Stace Vega and Anne Gardner, who also performed at the concert and donated prizes for the silent auction. Thanks to contributing performer Angella Foster and artists Lucy Dirksen, Mea Rhee

and Jeri Holloway for donating their beautiful work to the silent auction. Thanks to Pastor Dan Hamlin, Marsha Voigt and the Greenbelt Community Church for so graciously hosting the event. Thanks to Chris Cherry for serving as Master of Ceremonies and to Rebecca Sutfin for welcoming visitors at the door.

Thanks also to Principal Natasha Jenkins, Trina Core and the SHLES PTA and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education for their support of the after-school arts programs.

Our community as a whole is enriched by your generous investment in the confidence and creativity of our youth.

*Nicole DeWald,
Arts Supervisor
Dept. of Recreation
Arts Program*

Writers/Reporters Wanted

Be part of a dynamic team that brings the news to your community. Writers and reporters cover various meetings and events around Greenbelt. Every effort will be made to offer assignments that fit your interests and availability. For more information or to get started contact Mary Lou at 301-441-2662 or Elaine at 301-598-1805.

**NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS****PRELIMINARY AGENDA****GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Thursday, April 22, 2010

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- 2010 Slate Roof Contract, Additional Units – 1st Reading
- Conventional vs. Green Roof on Administration Building
- Community Upgrade Pilot Program – Phase I Approval
- Recommendation for ARC to Study Vinyl Siding Options
- Update on WSSC Project for Replacement of Water Pipes

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

Kojo Nnamdi Show Comes to Greenbelt

Kojo in Your Community, the WAMU radio show with host Kojo Nnamdi, will be taped at the Community Center on Tuesday, April 20 at 7 p.m. The topic for discussion is "Keeping the Green in Greenbelt focusing on Creating a Livable Community with a strong emphasis on environmental issues and their related impact – bay/river health, energy, recycling/waste management, personal responsibility, etc. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with limited seating.

U.S. CENSUS Be Counted!**Update**

Census 2010 has started mailing second questionnaires to households in areas with a response rate below 67 percent, which includes Greenbelt. This second mailing will be sent to addresses from which a questionnaire has not been received.

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

GHI Notes

Thursday, April 15, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room

Friday, April 16 – Offices closed (emergency maintenance available; call 301-474-6011)

Monday, April 19, 7 p.m., Communications Committee – GHI Lobby

7:15 p.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – Board Room

Thursday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library Read to Rover

Saturday, April 17, 1:30 p.m., children ages 7 to 10 can read for 15 minutes to a trained therapy dog. Registration is required. Call 301-345-5800.

Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 20, 7 p.m., an adult book discussion will be held at Greenbelt Library. The book to be discussed is "The Street of a Thousand Blossoms" by Gail Tsukiyama.

Credit Union Holds Shredding Day Sat.

On Saturday, April 17 from 9 a.m. to noon the shredding truck will be in Greenbelt behind the Credit Union and will offer free shredding of personal papers. Bring personal and financial papers, up to a limit of five boxes per person, to be shredded – an easy way to help prevent identity theft and keep personal information from getting into the wrong hands. This event is for private citizens only, not for businesses.

Health Care Speaker At Mishkan Torah

On Sunday, April 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Congressman Steny H. Hoyer's legislative assistant, Ruth McDonald, will be at Mishkan Torah Synagogue to talk about the new health care bill and answer questions.

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Mishkan Torah Synagogue is at 10 Ridge Road.

Choral Society Sings At Mowatt April 17

On Saturday, April 17 at 6 p.m. the Prince George's Choral Society will perform a mini-concert at Mowatt Methodist Church. There will also be a silent auction and Italian dinner.

There is a fee. See classified ad on page 9.

Yard Sale

April 23 and 24

9 – 3

Mowatt Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road

Bake Sale,
Flowers & Plants,
Lunch – Hot Dogs,
Hamburgers,
Chili & Cornbread

Reel & Meal Film Is "Monsanto" Monday

The documentary "The World According to Monsanto" will be shown at the next Reel & Meal event on Monday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café. The Reel & Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series on environmental and social justice issues sponsored by several Greenbelt community organizations. There is no charge for the film. A vegan buffet meal is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m. before the showing of the film.

"The World According to Monsanto" is the work of award-winning French filmmaker Marie-Monique Robin who for three years and on four continents investigated Monsanto and its corporate influence on government and technology. Combining secret documents with accounts by victims, scientists and policy makers, she shows misleading reports, pressure tactics, collusion and attempted corruption.

The film shows the company tricking governments into allowing dangerous genetically modified foods into the food supply with Monsanto in charge of determining if they're safe. The film highlights the company's production of substances including PCBs, pesticides and genetically modified organisms which have led to negative impacts on human health, environment and the economy world wide.

Following the film a discussion will be led by Michel Cavigelli and Jude Maul, soil biologists at USDA who have been working in the field of sustainable agriculture for many years.

For more information about this event email sr.kane@verizon.net.

Open Microphone For Kids Sunday

There will be a kids' Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café this Sunday, April 18 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. It is a regular event for children 17 and under, held on the third Sunday of every month, with kids invited to play a musical instrument, singing, dancing or reciting a poem.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdnr@yahoo.com.

Indoor Yard/Bake Sale

April 24, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Holy Cross Lutheran
Church**

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770



123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770
<http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>
Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

Call for Reservations at 301.441.8770

Workshop Focuses on Local History

In honor of National Park Week April 17 to 25, Greenbelt Park will offer a two-day workshop for those who teach or want to learn more about African American history. The free workshop will be held on April 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

On April 22 classroom lectures will be held at the New Carrollton Public Library, 7417 Riverdale Road in New Carrollton. The curriculum will include talks on Maryland's Antebellum Slavery, the Underground Railroad in Maryland, the Civil War, the Anacostia River's use in Historic Trade and Commerce, and Changing Trends in Maryland Research Facilities.

Slavery in the area and the distinct untold story about Greenbelt Park and its greater community will be presented by leading local historians and academicians.

On April 23 a bus will depart from Greenbelt Park, 6565 Greenbelt Road, for a tour of selected historic sites in communities surrounding the park. The tour is limited to the first 23 people to reserve a space.

To make reservations call 301-344-3948 or email program coordinator Debbie Kirkley at debbie_kirkley@nps.gov.

National Park Week honors the people and organizations dedicated to accomplishing the vision of the National Park Service.

More Community Events
see pages 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. **301-345-5111**

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of APRIL 16

FRI. – SAT.
The Last Song, PG
11:20, 2, 4:40, 7, 9:30
Clash of the Titans, PG-13
11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20
Death at a Funeral, PG-13 (!)
11:20, 11:45, 2, 2:35, 4:40, 5:10,
7, 7:35, 9:30, 10:10
Kickass, PG-13 (!)
11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20
Why Did I Get Married Too,
PG-13
11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10
Date Night, PG-13
11:30, 2:30, 5:20, 7:40, 10:30
How to Train Your Dragon, PG
11:45, 2:20, 5:10, 7:35, 10

SUN.
The Last Song, PG
11:20, 2, 4:40, 7
Clash of the Titans, PG-13
11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:30
Death at a Funeral, PG-13 (!)
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Date Night, PG-13
11:30, 2:30, 5:20, 7:40
How to Train Your Dragon, PG
11:45, 2:20, 5:10, 7:35

MON. – THU.
The Last Song, PG
12:20, 3, 5:35, 8:15
Clash of the Titans, PG-13
12:10, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05
Death at a Funeral, PG-13 (!)
12:05, 12:25, 2:20, 3, 5:05, 5:35,
7:25, 8:15
Kickass, PG-13 (!)
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Date Night, PG-13
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How to Train Your Dragon, PG
12:20, 3, 5:35, 8:15

Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Boys 13-15 call Mark @ 301 474-0252

Boys 16-18 call Bob @ 301 345-1033

Girls Softball call Kelly @ 301 441-9414

YARD SALE BAKE SALE & HOAGIES, TOO!

April 17th

9 – 1 P.M.

Greenbelt Community Church
Hillside and Crescent Rd.

Greenbelt Arts Center
PREMIERE THIS WEEKEND ONLY!

Fred & Frieda

Thursday, April 15 at 10 AM and 8 PM

Friday, April 16 at 10 AM and 8 PM

Saturday, April 17 at 2 PM and 8 PM

Sunday, April 18 at 2 PM

Tickets are \$18 general admission,
and \$15 for seniors and students.

COMING SOON:
The Homespun Ceilidh Band - April 23

Obituaries

Christina P. Burgess

Christina Alice Patton Burgess, 54, of Parkway died on Monday, April 5, 2010.

Born March 15, 1956, Mrs. Burgess lived in Greenbelt most of her life. She graduated from North End Elementary School and from Parkdale High School. She also took courses at the University of Maryland. Because of a disability she was unable to work. Her many friends thought of her as a sweet and loving person.

She was a member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church.

She was previously married to Donald Beach.

Her survivors include her son Jason Beach; her mother Margaret (Peg) Shorter; her brother Allen R. Patton, Jr.; many aunts and uncles in New York; and many friends here.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, April 14 at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church.

Duo to Perform At Paint Branch

On Sunday, April 18 at 4 p.m. a concert by the violin-piano duo of James Stern and Audrey Andrist will perform at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church as part of the "Music at Paint Branch" series. The husband and wife duo will present compositions by Mozart, Dvorak, Schubert and Hungarian composer Ernst von Dohnanyi.

The duo have performed together since 1988. They live in the Washington, D.C., area with their son Kenneth and have played at prestigious venues around the world. Both trained at the Juilliard School and have performed at the Banff and Ravinia summer festivals.

Stern is associate professor and chair of the string division at the University of Maryland School of Music. Andrist was a first-prize winner at the Mozart International, San Antonio International and Juilliard Concerto Competitions.

The concert will also showcase Paint Branch's recently renovated Mason and Hamlin grand piano.

Call 301-937-3666 for directions and information.

Mishkan Torah Holds Vintage Jewelry Sale

Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will hold its annual costume and vintage jewelry sale on Sunday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road.

The sale will be held a week before Mother's Day to provide an opportunity for children and adults to find reasonably priced gifts.



**Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt
MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to:

– Greenbelt playwright Odell Ruffin, whose play, "FACES: Shades of Survival," will be performed at Howard University's Blackburn Center Auditorium April 22 through 24. The play deals with four young African American women who are affected by breast cancer. After each performance audience members are invited to meet with representatives of the Tigerlily Foundation, which assists women with this issue.

– Eleanor Roosevelt High School for its continuing excellence as acknowledged by Washington Post columnist Jay Mathews on April 9. He pointed out its Newsweek standing in the top two percent of U.S. public schools and the recent award to faculty member Kenneth Bernstein as the best high school teacher in the county.

– Greenbelt super-swimmer Michael Stevens, who is now officially the best on the East Coast in two individual events – he won four Gold (two of them as part of a relay team) and three Silver (one of them as part of a relay team) medals at the Eastern Zone Short-Course Championships in Webster, N.Y., April 1 through 3. Michael's coach, Manga Dalizu, says "Michael Stevens won the 100 and 200 Backstroke, took second in 100 IM and 50 Back and finished seventh in the 100 Freestyle. He was also a member of the winning 400 Free Relay team (52.93 split) and the winning 200 Medley Relay team. The winning time in the Medley Relay established a new Eastern Zone relay record."

– Greenbelt filmmaker and teacher George Kochell (known here as Mister Geo), who was honored at the Heritage Film Festival last Saturday by a County Council proclamation for his efforts both to promote the festival and his years of teaching children and teens.

– Hunter Kristy of Fayette Place, who was chosen as a finalist by the U.S. State Department's National Language Security Initiative for Youth 2010 summer scholarship program to study and travel in Russia.



– Samantha Fitschen and Dave Wilmes of Ridge Road on the birth of their first child, Finnoula Sue Fitschen-Wilmes, on February 27, 2010. Samantha was the dance teacher for children at the Community Center.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church



3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

April 18, 10 a.m.

"Earth and the Stuff of Life" by Rev. Diane Teichert with Green Sanctuary Team members Ed Pachico and Penny O'Brien, with Marilyn Pearl, worship associate, choir and drummer.

This Earth Day service celebrates what the earth offers and examines how we use it, plus an update on PBUUC's progress toward its goal of becoming a "Green Sanctuary."

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410



Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

Release yourselves, O nightingales of God, from the thorns and brambles of wretchedness and misery and wing your flight to the rose-garden of unfading splendor. (Baha'u'llah)



Greenbelt Bahai Community
1-800-22-UNITE
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www.bahai.us



Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM

Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist

National Gallery Has Concert Sunday

The National Gallery of Art will offer a free concert on Sunday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Garden Court. The Virginia Virtuo-

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Welcome Spring At Greenbelt Museum

The Greenbelt Museum will host a special "Welcome Spring" event on Sunday, April 18 from 1 to 5 p.m. Visitors will have a chance to tour the museum house for free and kids can plant a seed or create a floral May basket to take home. The museum's next exhibition will focus on Victory gardens and Greenbelt gardening history.



Greenbelt was a gardening city from the very beginning, with allotment gardens an integral part of the city plan. Victory gardens were an important part of the home-front effort during World War II and have become popular again today.

As part of the garden exhibition, the Greenbelt Museum is planting a period-appropriate Victory Garden at the Museum house. This Sunday will be a chance for visitors to get a sneak peek at the garden site.

Admission and all activities are free. This event will take place rain or shine.

Explore Line Dancing

The Explorations Unlimited program for Friday, April 23 will feature Carolyn Carroll, who will provide information on line dancing. She will discuss the physical benefits of line dancing including balance and weight control. There will also be actual line dancing with audience participation, so come dressed in comfortable clothing. No partners are required and there will be a variety of music played including country western, rock-n-roll and soul.

Carroll works for the city's Planning and Community Development Department and she has been line dancing for more than 15 years. She participates in line dance competitions and teaches city employees line dancing as part of the Be Happy, Be Healthy program.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for details.

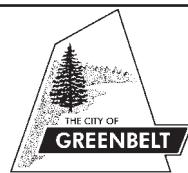
Canine Good Citizen Test Benefits VFD

Greenbelt Dog Training will conduct its semiannual Canine Good Citizen Test at the Greenbelt fire house on Saturday, April 17 from noon to 3 p.m. A variety of dog training and identification events will be held, with all proceeds benefiting the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad.

The basic canine good citizen test, conducted by Allie W. Lee, an AKC-certified evaluator, takes 10 to 15 minutes and is administered at a cost of \$10 per dog. There will also be a microchip clinic and pet-owner photos available. The event is open to all dogs with mixed breeds welcome. Owners should bring proof of rabies vaccination.

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 19-23

Monday, April 19th at 8pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION-SOCIAL SERVICES, MISC. & OTHER FUNDS**, at the Municipal Building.

Wednesday, April 21st at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Community Center, Rm 114. On the agenda, Discussion of the City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

Wednesday, April 21st at 8pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - PUBLIC SAFETY**, at the Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

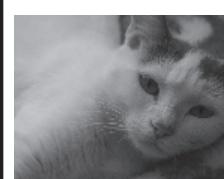
Saturday, April 17th, 9am - 12pm at the Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, CFLs and fluorescent tubes 4' and under (residential only), alkaline batteries **taped on one end**. NEW! Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6). Special arrangements must be made for drop-offs over 50 lbs. For more info, call the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

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Thank you to all for your donations.

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Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Board.

For more info call 301-474-8000.

SHREDDING DAY

APRIL 17TH, 9AM - 12PM

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind Roosevelt Center at 112 Centerway. Only 5 boxes per person. Personal records only (no business). For more information, call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY, ARBOR DAY AND PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE!

SATURDAY APRIL 24TH FROM 10AM-2:00pm

Join the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and the Advisory Committee on Trees in installing a rain garden, planting native plants, and addressing erosion and storm water quality issues.

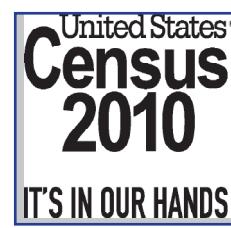
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Make sure you are counted. You can pick up a Be Counted form at any Questionnaire Assistance Center location.

Didnt receive a form?

If you have not received your form by April 12, contact our 2010 Census Toll-free help lines.

There are four days left for the public to mail back their census form! An accurate census will reflect changes in our communities and is crucial in apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated for projects like new hospitals and schools.

Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltdmd.gov for city news, information and events.

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GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Presents Celebration Of Spring



Saturday, April 17

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Springhill Lake

Recreation Center

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balance going to reinforce the city's reserves, in line with council policy. More details on the draft budget will be provided in next week's News Review.

Dump Truck

Controversy, such as it was, occurred mostly over the purchase of a new small dump truck. Director of Public Works Ken Hall proposed using a bid price obtained by the City of Alexandria for a Ford F-450 crew cab 4x4 with a nine foot snow plow, salt spreader and radio for \$57,445. The new truck is to replace a 1½ ton dump truck scheduled for replacement this year that suffered a blown transmission during one of the winter's snow events. Because it was to be replaced, the city did not repair it.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked why the purchase couldn't be made from a Maryland dealer instead of one in Vienna. Hall explained that it was cheaper to use a bid of a larger jurisdiction with a quantity purchase than to prepare a city bid for a single truck. The Alexandria bid, which the city is able to utilize through the Council of Governments, was the best available.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts took exception to the added cost to purchase a four-wheel drive vehicle. The past snow was an unusual occurrence, he thought, and otherwise a two-wheel drive truck would do just as well and use less fuel. He also objected to buying another diesel truck, because he considers it to be a dirty fuel. Hall said that efforts were made to purchase a hybrid truck but such a truck could not be certified for snow plowing. Roberts agreed that the hybrid transmissions were not adequate for heavy duty. However, based upon his experience in private business repairing trucks, he felt that a two-wheel drive would be adequate. Hall disagreed, noting his crews found them to not be sufficient for heavy snows. All the other city small trucks are two-wheel drives.

Councilmember Edward Putens supported Roberts on this issue but the council authorized the recommended purchase by a five-to-two vote.

Right-of-way Issue

By consent at the beginning of the meeting, council formally directed staff to draw up the necessary documents to vacate city street rights-of-way that were poorly established by the federal government after homes were built and now have been determined to run through GHI homes and yards. At an earlier work-session council chose to vacate unneeded rights-of-way in accordance with Option 2 that would leave sufficient rights-of-way to include utility poles. Residents will be permitted to maintain existing fences and hedges within the city's rights-of-way until they are dismantled or become in disrepair.

Oaths and Proclamations

Jason Cressman and Donald Unger were sworn in as new city police officers. Both are undergoing training and both have had prior police experience in neighboring jurisdictions.

Mayor Judith Davis issued proclamations declaring April 24 as both Arbor Day and Earth Day. Arbor Day events will include tree plantings about town and building rain gardens at Buddy Attick Park. The city has

been determined to have a tree canopy covering 65 percent of the area, a very high figure. As part of the 40th Anniversary Earth Day celebration, there will be an open house at Greenbelt Public Works with guidance given on how to buy green electricity.

May 16 to 22 will be Public Works Week this year. On Saturday, May 22 there will be another open house at Public Works. This one will exhibit city equipment for all to see, offer rides in the city's aerial bucket and provide tours of the almost new Public Works facility and its special green features. Council was assured that there would be hot dogs to eat once more.

Davis also presented a plaque recognizing the city for its Distinguished Budget Presentation for the current fiscal year. The city has received this award annually from the Governmental Finance Officers Association, a national association, for over 20 years.

Other Actions

McLaughlin reported that a collective bargaining agreement has been reached with the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police. He indicated that the agreement would be presented for council approval at its next meeting. He did not provide any details as to the agreement. However, in his budget presentation, McLaughlin indicated that there would be no cost-of-living pay adjustments for any employees including police.

A resolution was unanimously adopted changing the composition requirements for the Youth Advisory Committee. The age for the seven youth (or young adult) members of the committee has been raised from 18 to 22 years. Adult members now have to be 23 years old or older.

Another resolution was introduced for first reading and will be acted upon at the next meeting. It authorizes contracting with Strategies for Independent Living to provide home modification and professional services for the Accessible Greenbelt program.

Also presented to council at the meeting was a report on how the \$40,000 allocated last year from Community Development Block Grants for the Accessible Greenbelt Program was spent. Installations in needy homes included stair lifts, grab bars, bathroom transfer benches and shower chairs, hand railings and walker steps.

Council supported county council resolution CR-27-2010, the annual action plan for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grants. Included is \$70,000 for street reconstruction in Greenbelt West. Council further recommended that if additional funds become available that \$40,000 be provided for a Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Program.

The city council opposed passage of State Bill HB1125 that city staff believed would weaken existing storm water management regulations.

Council accepted the resignation of Melissa Hines-Rodriguez from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and appointed Dorian Branch to the Youth Advisory Committee and Lester Whitmer to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

The Greenbelt Police Department added two new officers with Mayor Judith Davis administering the oath to Jason Cressman and Daniel Unger as Lt. Carl Schinner looks on at the April 12 Greenbelt City Council meeting. Cressman previously served as an officer in Annapolis, New Carrollton and Phoenix, Ariz. Unger previously served as an officer with Berwyn Heights, University of Maryland and as a correctional officer in Gettysburg, Pa.

Spring Celebration Is Afternoon of Fun

Many fun-filled events are planned for Saturday, April 17 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Celebration of Spring at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The Fabulous Chinese Acrobats will perform, a Wii interactive game truck will be available and the Pan Masters Steel Orchestra will provide calypso and reggae music. Enjoy moon bounces and free popcorn and snow cones.

Make-and-take art projects, some involving mud, will be offered and the award-winning SITY Stars will entertain with a jump rope exhibition.

This event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

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Attention GHI Members



Update to GHI Members on Repairs of Roofs/Gutters Damaged by February Snow Storms

The February snow storms damaged the copper gutters on over 300 units. Several porch roofs as well as tiles on several slate roofs were also damaged.

GHI's insurance carrier recently approved our claim for the losses that were incurred. Subsequently, GHI signed a contract with a contractor – RRH Associates – to undertake the necessary repairs. The contractor will begin work on April 19th. Because of the scope of the repair work, staff estimates that it could take until the end of May before all repairs are completed.

We appreciate your patience with the process of getting the repairs done.



April 2010

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Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.
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Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

It is time again to ask for your donations to help the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. in our **Annual General Fund Drive for 2010**. We truly appreciate your generous contributions during the previous fund drives, and hope for your continued support.

You should be receiving your donation package in the mail during April or early May. You may choose to either mail your donation back to us, or to bring it to the station and hand it to one of our volunteers. We are located at 125 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. If you should misplace your donation package, you can still mail your contribution to us. Please note the mailing address for the station:

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125 Crescent Rd.
Greenbelt, MD 20770

As in the past, I **strongly emphasize** that you **do not accept any solicitations over the telephone or at your door** from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. **For this Annual General Fund Drive during the months of April/May, we only ask for donations through the mail.**

May I encourage you to come and enjoy an evening of bingo (sponsored by the GVFD&RS, Inc.) held at the Elks Lodge #1778, located at 6700 Kenilworth Ave. in Riverdale, MD, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings? Doors open at 6 p.m. and we offer complimentary food and drink. All of our bingos are **SMOKE-FREE**.

Again, I would like to thank you for your very important support in the past, as well as your continued support during our **Annual General Fund Drive 2010**.

Best Regards,

Kenneth L. Stair, President
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.



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Aberdeen Sliced Bacon 16 oz.	\$1.79	Sea Best Frozen Tilapia Fillets 16 oz.	\$2.98 lb.	Bar-S Meat Hot Dogs 16 oz.	89¢	E-Z Peel 26-30 Count Raw Shrimp 2 lb. bag	\$8.98

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		Near East Couscous Select Varieties 5-6 oz.	\$1.29	Dare Breton Multigrain Crackers 8.8 oz.	\$1.99
				Fresh Store Baked Original Italian Bread loaf	\$1.19
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

April 7, 11:50 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A man was approached by two males who grabbed his wallet. They are described as black males, 19 to 21 years old, one 5'9" to 5'11" tall, 130 to 150 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt and the other 5'7" to 5'9" tall, 150 to 170 pounds, wearing a gray T-shirt.

DUI/DWI

April 3, 3:48 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road. Following a traffic stop a 48-year-old female resident was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol. She was released on citations pending trial.

Drug Arrest

April 8, 1:05 a.m., Cherrywood Lane at Breezewood Drive. A 23-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

April 4, 10:56 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. An iPod and camera were taken.

April 6, 1:35 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A laptop and jewelry were taken.

April 8, 8:18 a.m., 100 block Westway. A purse and wallet were taken.

Trespassing Arrest

April 1, 10:47 a.m., Cherrywood Terrace at Breezewood Court. An 18-year-old nonresident female was arrested and charged with trespassing on pri-

vate property and then transferred to the county Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

April 4, 10:11 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A window was broken.

April 6, 5:48 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. A window was damaged.

Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were reported stolen. Two were taken April 4, a gray 2007 Ford Expedition with MD tags from the 400 block Ridge Road and a black 1997 Nissan Maxima with MD tags from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A tan 1995 Nissan Pathfinder with MD tags was stolen April 6 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

One vehicle reported stolen by DC Metro Police, a blue 2005 Acura TL, was recovered in the 7600 block Mandan Road with no arrests made.

Four reports of thefts from autos were received: 9100 block Edmonston Terrace (MD tags), 7900 block Mandan Road (GPS unit and sunglasses), 7700 block Hanover Parkway (GPS unit, chair and golf clubs), 8000 block Mandan Road (GPS unit).

Six calls reporting vandalism to vehicles were received: Car windows were broken in the 9100 block Springhill Court and 6000 block Springhill Drive (two incidents). A vehicle trunk lock was broken in the 7800 block Walker Drive. A rock was thrown at a vehicle, damaging it, in the unit block Lakeside Drive.

Residents Roused by Fire Tell of Their Experiences

by Jon Aerts

"Pop, pop, pop!" Bryan Nousain recalls of the Greenbelt blaze last Thursday morning that destroyed three townhomes and left Nousain and others along the 7800 block of Jacobs Drive in need of major house repairs.

"Is someone getting shot?" he wondered of the noise while wincing at his bedside clock – 1:50 a.m.; the two-alarm fire had just greeted a nearby electrical box.

Meanwhile, 12-year-old Anne Tambe and her family were already safe and outside their two-story townhouse, whose siding today resembles melted flesh. "At first, I thought I was dreaming it," Tambe said of the firefighters beating on her home's front door. "They were screaming for us to get out."

All told, it took firefighters 1.5 hours to smother the flames according to Prince George's County Fire/EMS Spokesman Mark Brady. Other than a knee injury to one fireman, no one was hurt during the incident; however, some 20 residents – including two infants – have been displaced by the fire.

Brady said the fire originated on – or near – a rear wooden

deck before quickly spreading up the exterior walls and to the roof. Once one of the decks caved in, however, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Chief Thomas Ray ordered his fire crews out of the burning homes.

"It was the right call," Brady said of Ray's decision, adding that a large portion of the roof collapsed in on one of the townhomes 10 minutes later.

By daybreak on Thursday, when the smoke and emotions had mostly cleared, the American Red Cross offered clothing and a three-night stay at a local hotel to those displaced by the fire.

While an investigation into the blaze remains ongoing, Brady called the cause "likely accidental." Not including the costs associated with the large, emergency response effort, some estimate \$600,000 in fire damages to the homes.

Although Nousain's home didn't burn, it sustained water damage from the fire crews' hoses, as well as several axe wounds to the home's interior walls. Fingers crossed, Nousain says he's banking on his insurance to cover the costs.

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really is a blessing," she said.

Also on ABC 7 News one of the displaced residents, Bryan Nousain, was interviewed. "There were a lot of people running outside yelling fire, fire," he said. His wife, Sonia Nousain, added, "We could see the flame so tall and the whole yard was so bright."

Siding Melts

The flames from the end unit were so hot they caused the vinyl siding to melt and burn on an adjacent but separate building. The resident, Florence Achuo, told ABC 7 News that she took her children to a neighbor's home for protection, even though they were strangers.

"She was kind enough to open up and gave us mattresses," Achuo told Channel 7. "Now they're friends, now they're family. They're part of us."

Firefighters were able to prevent the fire from doing damage to the Achuo residence other than the siding.

The fire caused an estimated \$600,000 in damage, according to county fire investigators. The majority of damage was limited to three of the five townhouses. At least two homes were left with little more than the front walls standing. All three were considered total losses.

While investigators continued to work to determine the cause of the fire, firefighters secured the damaged structures to ensure



PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

One of the badly damaged townhouses from the two-alarm fire on Jacobs Drive.

safety. The Fire/EMS Department Citizen Services Unit and American Red Cross are assisting displaced residents with temporary shelter and supplies, according to the county fire department.

By Friday morning, fencing had been erected around the destroyed units. Greenbelt Engine Company 35 was still on the scene. Emergency response repair workers were busy at work.

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clean Kenilworth Avenue and was surprised to find not only recyclable bottles but 10 car tires, an array of car parts and a water heater.

"Someone had to purposefully put this stuff here, in a park that is supposed to be clean for humans and nature," he said, still marveling at the water heater.

Community volunteer Bill Walmsley was also disturbed by the trash found along Kenilworth Avenue.

"Prince George's County offers bulk trash, for free," he said, emphasizing the complimentary removal of large household items. "You'd think it took more effort to get it down there than to leave it out on a curb" and call someone to pick it up.

Tom Laner and his family came from Anne Arundel County to help clean up the city they once called home. The kids were excited to find a small animal skull along their cleanup route.

"At first, I thought it was a bottle or a shell or a dinosaur skull," Elizabeth said.

The Laners cleaned the Greenbelt Park site – designated the family, youth and scout cleanup area – where most of the litter was from picnics in the park.

Park Ranger Debbie Kirkley was pleased with the turnout for the event. She credits internet promotion and the green-friendly trend now seen in American society. The National Park Service is also taking programmatic steps to help keep the parks clean.

Park Ranger Eli Alford, Jr. was also encouraged by the volunteer support for the cleanup.

"This event definitely put in perspective for many volunteers the importance of environmental stewardship and community vol-



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unteer Cliff Ibeh look at three of the 10 tires pulled from Kenilworth Avenue during Saturday's Potomac River Watershed Cleanup.

617 volunteers collected nine tons of trash and 17,900 individual bottles were recycled.

"All stuff that could be properly disposed of in the first place," Walmsley said.

Only 327 plastic bags were picked up countywide, an encouraging sign as the District recently passed a law charging 5 cents for plastic bags in the city. The Anacostia Watershed Society in Bladensburg was influential in passing the law to prevent bags from wandering into the Anacostia River.

Indian Creek flows west of the Capital Office Park south to join the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia which parallels Kenilworth Av-

enue down to Bladensburg where it joins the Northwest Branch to form the Anacostia River, then on to the Potomac River and eventually into the Chesapeake Bay.

In order to reduce the tons of trash found in the Greenbelt community, Ibeh believes it will take an amount of soul-searching.

"It starts with us," he said. "They can make laws but people break them. We just have to stop and change our mindset to help preserve nature."

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability will host a cleanup around Greenbelt Lake on May 1. Volunteers are needed.

John Aerts also contributed to this story.

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Learn from instructor Anne Hull how to make soap from scratch with simple ingredients, creating formulations for one's own skin needs and using unique scents with herbs and essential oils. Participants will learn the basics, learn about cold and hot processing and see a slow-cooker method demon-

stration, leaving with a sample of just-made soap. Handouts will provide recipes and a list of tools and ingredients.

Transition Greenbelt is an organization that began last year to help residents live more sustainably and build local resilience. It has three working groups: on food and gardening (the Three Sisters Garden), re-skilling (canning, soap-making, repairs) and bartering and local economy (buy local, invest local) whose purpose is to create a quality of life based on less use of fossil fuels.

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"There will always be a need," according to Borgwardt. He noted that technology has helped people enter the funeral service industry through online courses.

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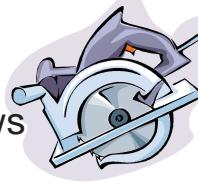
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A Character Profile**Wm. Keyes, Reluctant Warrior of Fred & Frieda**

by Malcolm Lewis Barnes

Fred & Frieda is a compelling new play about a Black veteran who rescues a young Jewish girl from a Nazi concentration camp at the end of World War II. The character of Fred is based on a composite of actual veterans that the playwright Nicole Burton crafted together from a tattered newspaper article that she found about a veteran from Georgia and an actual surviving veteran who lives and thrives in Annapolis.

Even more compelling than the heroic character Fred who was emotionally torn by both his experience as a soldier in the segregated American army and his shocking confrontation with the evil of the concentration camps is the personal story of William Snowden Keyes.

Keyes not only was present at the liberation of Nazi concentration camp survivors as a member of the all Black 761st Tank Battalion and supply unit at the end of the war but he also had a personal encounter with a young German war survivor that rivals the story of Fred & Frieda.

Second Class Citizen

As a young boy growing up in segregated Washington, D.C., William Keyes experienced the raw reality of being a second class citizen in the Nation's Capital. In 1937 as a 15-year-old Sea Scout, Keyes participated in a Boy Scout-type jamboree on the national mall where he faced his first exposure to segregation when the leaders began to assign the black and white boys to their camping tents.

Keyes rebelled against being treated unfairly and threatened to leave the camp grounds. The proud son of the owners of Keyes Restaurant on 7th Street near the Howard Theatre, the young William Keyes was confident of his heritage and capabilities as a budding young Sea Scout and was not naïve about the realities of racism and the double standard of a segregated society.

That same rebelliousness got young Keyes thrown out of Dunbar High School, which at the time was the elite grooming school for the best and brightest of the Black bourgeois and business class. He ended up with relatives in New Orleans and finished high school and some college at Xavier University, an historically black Catholic college in The Big Easy.

In World War II

But as World War II loomed, Keyes found his way back to Washington where he was reluctantly drafted into the Army and shipped to a basic training camp

in rural Kentucky. He found himself on a war transport ship zig-zaging across the Atlantic Ocean for four days to avoid German U-boats and landed in England where cameras were confiscated as a security measure. Despite those Allied Army precautions a rich historical archive exists of the Black presence in WWII.

By the spring of 1944 Keyes found himself as part of the transport and supply units accompanying the liberating Allied Army as they pushed their way through the German front lines following the Battle of the Bulge. During that period he not only assisted in the liberation of Jewish survivors of the Nazi concentration camps but also found himself in the arms of an attractive young German fraulein.

Legend among Black GIs is that they had a reputation as generous big spenders on the front lines and were welcomed by the local women as liberators for more than their candy bars. As a result Keyes left Germany with more than tragic memories of liberating concentration camp survivors as he was shipped out at the end of the European campaign to the Pacific engagement in 1945.

He got as far as the Philippines in August of 1945 when the war came to an abrupt end with the American bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. He ended the war in a medical unit recovering from a bout of dengue fever and was mustered out less than a year later to return to a civilian life in Washington as an educator after finishing his degree from Federal City College.

Life Changing Letter

Out of the blue, Keyes received a letter from his wartime lover in Germany informing him that he was the father of a 2-year-old daughter named Uta. Being a man of honor, Keyes took steps to reunite with the mother of his wartime lovechild and eventually sponsored their visit to America. He later married Uta's mother, with whom he lives to this day on a quiet peninsula in Annapolis, where he will celebrate his 89th birthday on May 2.

Keyes, who is still active as a substitute teacher at South River High in Annapolis, will be a guest at a post-performance discussion following the opening matinee of Fred & Frieda tonight at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Students attending from area high schools will have much to learn from the reluctant warrior. His resilience and compassion helped him overcome a legacy of segregation and inhumanity to forge a legacy of love and loyalty out of the ashes of the Holocaust.



88-year-old Annapolitan William Snowden Keyes, the real life Fred in GAC's "Fred & Frieda," is the soldier to the right of the Swastika flag in this World War II photo.



Young soldier William Snowden Keyes in 1944.

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What do a President's rider-less horse saddle, Rosa Park's quiet act of defiance and Abraham Lincoln's casket have in common? That's what students, local residents and funeral professionals will soon discover from an exhibit featuring a collection of funeral objects and historical depiction of funeral customs in a traveling museum.

The American Funeral mobile museum will be located at the Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home on Sunday, April 25, 2010, during their 25th Anniversary Open House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The funeral home is located at 4400 Powder Mill Rd. in Beltsville.



Of special note is the Lincoln exhibit, featuring a reproduction of Lincoln's casket and tracing this near 3-week funeral procession. Scholars cite Lincoln's 1865 funeral as the birth of today's modern funeral service.

"25 years of dedicated service is something I am very proud of. My staff and I are privileged to provide comfort and care to the families in their time of need with dignity, honor and respect."

— Don Borgwardt

Spread out across 1,000 sq. ft., thoughtful display areas reveal how we mourn the dead. The American Funeral explores the traditions, beginning with Native American burial mounds and ending with the diverse rituals practiced across the country today. Produced by Michigan-based MRA, it's earning high praise from everyone who experiences it. "Very, very moving."



"Glory, Glory Hallelujah" showcases President John F. Kennedy's rider-less horse – empty boots reversed in the saddle – trotting briskly in his funeral procession and Rosa Parks, who was the first woman to lie in state at the Capitol Rotunda.



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